

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

The Prohibition of Child Marriages Act, 2006 - Effective implementation of the Act for prevention of child marriages - Committee Constituted to prepare a strategy - Orders - Issued.

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**DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED &
SENIOR CITIZENS (PROG.II)**

G.O. Ms. No.16

Dated : 01.05.2023

Read the following :

1. The Prohibition of Child Marriages Act, 2006.
2. G.O. Ms. No. 13, Dept. for WCDA&SC (WP) Dt: 19.03.2012.
3. e-file bearing No.1961997 received of the Director, WD & CW Department, A.P., Guntur.

Child Marriage is an age old social evil which is prevalent in our society for times immemorial. It is an evil practice that snatches all the Rights from the Child. The ill effects of Child marriage are prevalent across cultures and has no barrier of caste or religion. Girls as low as 10 years old are married. Even boys are married under their legal age in many rural communities. There are cases where girls are married to way older men. Child marriage has a number of ill effects on the health and productivity of both the present generation and the subsequent. It also raises many prevalent and hideous issues, like Jogini/Basivi/Mathamma and in a few cases leads to child trafficking.

2. The Prohibition of Child Marriages Act, 2006 has been in force for more than 17 years, but the intended goals are not fully realised. The Census 2011, has released some disturbing figures. Almost one in every three married women were married while she was still under the age of 18 years. 78.5 lakh girls who were married till 2011 were married before the age of 10 years. This constitutes 2.30% of all women or girls who were ever married. It shows that 30.30%(10.30 crore) of all married women were married before they turn 18 years. The NHFS-5 data shows the state of Andhra Pradesh having a high incidence of Child marriages, which in turn is having very adverse impact on the health and social parameters.

3. The Government decides to have a focussed approach involving all the stakeholders both Government functionaries, Civil Society Organisations and the Society in general to put an end to this social evil. A committee consisting of the following members is hereby constituted to suggest a clear strategy to ensure that no child marriages takes place:

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Collectors :

1. Ms. S. Nagalakshmi, Vizianagaram dist
2. Smt. Krutika Shukla, Kakinada dist
3. Smt. K.Madhavilatha E.G.Dist
4. Smt. P. Prashanthi, W.G.Dist
5. Smt. M.Gowthami, Anantapur dist
6. Ms. G. Srijana, Kurnool Dist

SPs :

1. Smt. G.R.Radhika, Srikakulam dist
2. Smt. Deepika Patil, Vizianagaram dist
3. Smt. Mallika Garg, Prakasham dist

4. The Committee will be chaired by Ms. S.Nagalakshmi, Collector, Vizianagaram. Ms. M.Deepika, SP, Vizianagaram will be the Convenor. The committee shall meet as frequently as required and submit the report by the 31st of May 2023.

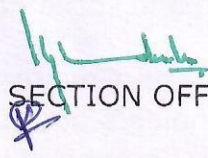
(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR K S JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

All Departments of Secretariat, A.P.
The Director, WD & CW, A.P., Guntur.
All Heads of Department in the State.
All Collectors and District Magistrates.
All Superintendents of Police.
The Spl.Chief Secretary to Chief Minister.
The P.S to Minister, Department for WCDA&SC
The PS to Chief Secretary.
The PS to Principal Secretary, Department for WCD & SC.
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